

Dear Deborah my friend & I are well & the weather is
fine & cool. We are in a state of great
excitement & fore boded trouble before the
tiger whistler and his wife were off loaded
a slave holder from Baltimore with a
constable from the same place & a
new tiger a fugitive from a female
It seems she came ~~had~~ towards thred
weeks since and ~~had~~ the constable show
presume she could be compelled to return to
Baltimore to take care of the ~~she~~
the depot yesterday the woman with
whom she lived most probably having
been ~~bound~~ to do it tried to get her
recaptured but she refused to go back
and threw the ~~lady~~ away out the back
the rascal with the constable took ~~her~~ there
where ~~the~~ of the girls if the ~~she~~ is recognized
the constable ~~and~~ gave the slave the ~~she~~
the Master's agent asked the woman if she
had the ~~she~~ and he replied was laying up
proceeded to hand cuff her & got one
cuffed the woman had a knife in
hand & cut the ~~she~~ ~~she~~ ~~she~~

him open & then threw the knife and ^{hit} him on
the breast without any injury - at that time
a white man seized her away from the castle
& in a few minutes she was safe - The colored
women were the first to hear it & they went in a
body down there & in a few minutes the alarm
was general - the colored men were at work
or just returning & they spread it like wild fire
from house to house, where the colored people
lived - Some one left word at one house - John
was a兵士 washing the dishes, he remembered
us however by putting them all in the side board
unwashed & locked it & went on the hill like
a Race Horse - Mary, who is one of the best of
Women & kind disposition, was ragin - She
went ditto - & so it ^{and} was to every one & presumed
Mary when she returned to tell me she would
fight to the death because she would be
doing God's Service - says she I would
run & down the top in covers of orange &
stone on their heads like brick ^{bats} I
would fight ~~light~~ like a Horse and her
ables glistened I assure you & then she
mean - they not only explode the body
brains yes says she & even the soul -
holives at Mr. Emerson, when she heard
about - why want I up there to crash the

him by the throat - says she I would never let
him till I had choked him - And Ratty
in the fulness of heart said I will be the
sacrifice let them take me if they want
any body - I guess they would soon get enough
of the time - There seems to be but one opinion
among the white people the colored people
will be pleased or the fully engaged who
are Webster's retainers are shocked - one of whom
told me he would even shoot Webster him
self if he came to his house for a slave; and
told me he would fight to the last if he was
in colored men & these are Mr Webster's friends
Others say they would tan & feather the Slave holder
they took them & would like to have them
treated so - The colored people tried to run
out first out where the slaves stand, but could
not - if they had been out the Punky Horse when
they inquired, I think they would have broken
the house if they could not have got them off the
wise - In the evening every colored man had a
club - John says he never saw so many clubs
in his life - all the colored Churches are sent
up this evening & they have a public meeting at
Leans Hall, where I presume they will vote to
take a bold stand at least - It was a bold

stek on the part of a Slave master, as he did not even
have a writ of Habeas Corpus not before presented
the Court to hear of the Death of the Slave
but I hope now I want them to go away
Satisfied they consider nothing in her
I told the Mayor of it myself & I don't think
he will sacrifice his popularity to do so.
A few nights previous that no one would
hold office of Officer to carry out Mason's
magnanimous bill - Should there be ^{no} more
about it I will inform you. To excuse this letter
I have written so hastily I have just returned
from Mr Packards where we spent the after-
noon - I am called here Captain ~~one~~ which was
I say why don't you call him Son of a Gun ^{but} I don't
want to say he ~~is~~ ^{is} very ingenuous and he thinks
Captain is better than is settled to begin with - as he
was pleased as was we they are coming
in town tomorrow. Mr Sherman had a long
argument with him in Capital Punishment
he being an advocate with an occasional
remark from Sully & Young he behaved
very well - could not argue much to death
kept his temper well & remained silent
my time was not to speak then but it came soon

The conversation shortly turned on the subject of
the excitement in town - the capture of this woman
I related it to Mr. Lincoln all I knew about it -
Mr. Thornton remarked, if any cause could be just
fought by fighting this could - I thought he acquiesced
he said his slavery was a bad thing and would
be done away with & then remarked that a
several times while on the Mississippi, he had
found slaves secreted in his vessel and
~~was obliged~~ to return them as he evaded not
controversy in the business - it was enough for
me I never felt so in my life - I remembered
that I was the son of one who had gone down
to the grave endeavoring to aid the great cause
of humanity - excitable and naturally calm I
was entirely calm & self collected, ^{never more so} I cautiously
say I felt the spirit of the Almighty resuscitate
within me I slowly rose from my chair
and a full clear voice said, sooner than
have caused a human being to have been sent
back into bondage I would have lost my busi-
ness - Age I would even have sacrificed my
life - He was astounded - He was calm & so was I
Every word I uttered seemed to me to be the right
one & I felt as though I had done myself justice

I spoke some ten minutes without the least hesita-
tion, excitement, or embarrassment - I don't mean
to be egotistical - but I have endeavored to tell
the truth - he listened patiently - He seemed entire-
ly ignorant. I pitied him, & was the more modest, but
at the same time the most truthful remain.
None of the others said a word - finally he
said he thought the Abolitionist had done
more harm than good when Sally, alias
Mrs. P. jumped up, said she wished there
were more of them and walked onto the
entry. When I next saw you I will give you
more particulars - I do not yet communicate any
malicious propensity to the Capt but I hear of no
rancor and a mistaken sense of duty -
but I was ^{at first much} called on to defend the poor, the
lonely & the outcast & have the proud satisfac-
tion of having done my duty faithfully -

Daniel has not yet returned we doleath
there after you went & found so thin recover
Fanny & Foddy are both well - Write soon

Yours aff friend & etc -
Jewell - and it is to Joseph Ricketts
Deborah Weston & B. Fanny wishes to know if you were weighed
at the Station House & how much you weighed -

New Bedford 9th month 1st 1850

Dear Deborah

We are in a state of great excitement - You had scarcely left town, when a fiend in human shape, a slave-holder from Baltimore with a constable from the same place, came near taking a fugitive - a female. It seems she came here two or three weeks since and has been living (I presume necessity compelled her to) or rather working at one of the houses near the Depot - Yesterday about dark the woman with whom she lived, most probably having tried to do it, tried to get her intoxicated,

but

she was a race horse - Mary, who is one of our warm & kind dispositions, was rousing - she went into - & so did every one I presume. - Mary when he returned told me she would fight to the death because she would be doing God's service - says she, I could hurl down the top or covers of range & ston on our heads like thick bats. I would fight like a horse - and her eyeballs glistened I assure you & then she exclaimed

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Daniel has not yet returned we doleath
there after you went & found nothing never
Fanny & Jody are both well - Write soon

Yours aff friend & all
Lewell - Mrs and Mr - is to Joseph Ricketts
to Deborah Weston & B. Fanny wishes to know if you were weighed
at the Statue House & how much you weighed -

but she refused to drink and threw the liquor away -
at the same [time] the rascal with the constable was
there when one of the girls of the house recognized the
constable and gave the star the alarm - the master
or agent asked the woman if she recognized him.
She said no & persisted in saying so - the then pro-
ceeded to handcuff her & got one hand cuffed - the
woman had a knife in her hand & swore she would
rip him open & then threw the knife and hit him
on the breast without any injury - at that time a
white man seized her away from the constable & in
a few minutes she was safe - the colored women
were the first to hear it & they went in a body down
there & in a few minutes the alarm was general -

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all like a Race Horse - Mary, who is one of the best
women & kind disposition, was racing - she went
into - & so did every one & presume. - Mary when
he returned told me she would fight to the death be-
cause she would be doing God's service - says she, I
could hurl down the top or covers of range & ston on
our heads like thick bats. I would fight like a horse -
and her eyeballs glistened I assure you & then she
exclaimed

ctors of having done my duty faithfully
Samuel has not yet returned - we do
there after you went & found him so
Fanny & Fanny are both well - Write so
soon as you get off from
Lewiston and tell me who it was Joseph Rice
to Deborah Weston & P. F. Fanny wishes to know if you are
at the Station House & how much you weighed -

has just returned from the meeting and
they have appointed a Committee to
call ^{the} Town Officers after Twelve O'clock
yesterday to take arrest the Slaveholder
Mr. Wm & the constable or Sheriff
by nine o'clock in the morning, for

the colored men were at work or just returning
& they spread it like wild fire from house to house,
where colored persons lived - Some one left word
at our ^{house}. John was about washing the dishes,
he remembered us however by putting them all in
the side board unwashed & locked it, & went on the
hill like a Race horse - Mary, who is one of the best
of women & kind disposition, was angry - she went
ditto - & so did every one I presume. - Mary when
she returned told me she would fight to the death be-
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To Deborah
at the Station House & how much you welcome -

has just returned from the meeting and
they have appointed a Committee to
call our ^{City} Town Officers after Twelve O'clock
yesterday to take arrest the Slaveholder
Mr. Wm & the constable or Sheriff
by Six O'clock in the morning, for

exclaimed - they not only sustain the body but the brains
yes says she & turn the soul - Eliza, who lives at Mr.
Emersons, when she heard it cried out - why want I
up here to grasp him by the throat - says she I would
hold him till I had choked him - And



Mary has just returned from the meeting and
says; they have appointed a Committee to
call on our ^{City} Town Officers after Twelve o'clock
for a writ to take arrest the Slaveholder
George W. Wim & the constable or Sheriff
Hays by Six o'clock in the morning, for
violating our laws.

Mr Weston

Messrs Green & C^o ~~London~~

Paris

1868

France ~~Revised.~~

now get all out and recollect the first part
of afternoon & we made no more progress
yesterday & so got off ~~in~~^{at} 10th m^o in the
afternoon & found that at total distance
is well & that every afternoon we travel
out compass & in the end get to some
point and whatever



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